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NICARAGUA.

*Report from Bluefields—Fruit port.*BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *August 16, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following weekly report: Two steamships have been inspected, the *Jno. Wilson* and the *Hiram*, both for New Orleans and carrying no passengers. Certificates stating the sanitary condition of this port, the vessels, crews, and cargoes, were given the masters, copies of which are herewith inclosed.

For the week ended August 12, 1 death was reported in Bluefields, a native infant, of dentition. The sanitary condition of Bluefields and vicinity continues good. The local health authorities are maintaining a strict quarantine against all ships coming from ports south of Bluefields, even to the extent of prohibiting the coast steamer *Sunrise*, which has been running from Colon via Bocas, Limon, and Greytown to Bluefields, to come into this port at all.

Respectfully,

D. W. GOODMAN,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTO RICO.

*Report from Ponce.*PONCE, P. R., *August 13, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the weekly quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended August 11, 1900. I also inclose mortality statistics for the two weeks ended on the same date.

For the first time, since the organization of this station, no vessels were inspected and no bills of health were issued during the week.

The mortality continues about the same. Some effort is now being made by a committee of citizens to relieve the present distress.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country) during the two weeks ended August 11, 1900.

Infectious diseases:		Diseases of the circulatory system.....		3
Malarial fever	19	Diseases of the nervous system		3
Pernicious malarial fever.....	3	Diseases of the respiratory system.....		1
Dysentery.....	14	Other diseases (anæmia, inanition, etc.)		61
Tetanus.....	4			
Tuberculosis	3	Total.....		213
Syphilis.....	1			
Diseases of the digestive apparatus.....	101	Births during same period		43

*Reports from San Juan and subports for July, 1900.*SAN JUAN, P. R., *August 8, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the transactions of the Service at this port and the subports of the island during the month of July, 1900:

San Juan.—Thirty-three vessels were inspected during the month, 2

of which were held in quarantine as follows: Spanish steamship *Alfonso XIII*, which arrived July 16 from Havana, via Central and South American ports, was allowed to transact business in quarantine under guard; the U. S. A. transport *Ingalls* which arrived from Havana July 20, was disinfected and released, as reported fully in my letter of July 27.

During the month 256 pieces of baggage were disinfected at the station, most of which was from the *Ingalls*. No persons were detained in quarantine at the station during the month.

The naphtha launch which was lent the Service by the military governor some months ago, and which has been in constant use, was, in compliance with a request from the customs authorities and under the orders of the secretary, delivered to the custom-house on July 2. We have thus been compelled to use our sail boat for boarding and other purposes.

Under your orders, the port of Fajardo was inspected and a sanitary inspector nominated for service there, as fully reported in my letter of July 7.

The steward of the station, Mr. Holsendorf, sailed for the States July 23 on leave of absence granted him by cable of July 15.

The United States local inspectors of steam vessels established an office in the city this month, and upon their request I have been examining applicants as to vision and color blindness. A report of this has been made in a separate communication.

The health conditions of San Juan show little change. The weather is quite warm and we are having considerable rain. The number of deaths reported for the month is 83; births, 55. Usual list of causes of deaths is inclosed.

Subports.—The subports, the number of which has been increased to 6 by the appointment of a sanitary inspector at Fajardo, report nothing unusual for the month. Number of vessels inspected are as follows: Mayaguez, 6; Arecibo, 1; Humacao, 4; Arroyo, 4; Aguadilla, 2; Fajardo, 2. Number of deaths reported is as follows: Mayaguez, 211; Arecibo, 116; Humacao, 42; Arroyo, 32; Aguadilla, 58; Fajardo, 23.

Respectfully,

C. H. LAVINDER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Vital statistics of San Juan, P. R., for July, 1900.

Rachitis.....	9	Pericarditis.....	1
Malaria.....	2	Rheumatism.....	1
Acute meningitis.....	1	Septicæmia.....	1
Pneumonia.....	6	Syphilis.....	1
Measles.....	3	Peritonitis.....	1
Enteritis.....	16	Old age.....	1
Bright's disease.....	1	Cancer of the liver.....	1
Pulmonary tuberculosis.....	6	Aphta.....	1
Hepatitis.....	4	Dystocia.....	1
Bronchitis.....	3	Icterus.....	1
Mitral insufficiency.....	2		
Entero-colitis.....	5	Total.....	83
Serous congestion.....	3		
Anæmia.....	5	July, 1899—	
Asphyxia.....	1	Births.....	58
Athrepsia.....	3	Deaths.....	62
Artero-sclerosis.....	1	July, 1900—	
Dysentery.....	1	Births.....	55
Endo-carditis.....	1	Deaths.....	83